

REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks and amendments. Claims 1, 14, and 19 are amended. Accordingly, claims 1-31 are pending in the application.

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-25, 27-29 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0096110 filed by Yogeshwar et al. (hereinafter “Yogeshwar”). To establish an anticipation rejection the Examiner must show that the cited reference teaches each element of a claim.

Claim 1, as amended, recites the elements of “the image data being formed as a code stream including a set of markers to indicate a beginning and an end of the code stream.” Support for the amendment may be found, for example, in paragraph [0094] of the Specification. Yogeshwar fails to teach these elements. Instead, the portion of Yogeshwar relied upon by the Examiner discloses a transcoder module for decoding and encoding archived data. See Yogeshwar, paragraph [0142]. However, the archived data in Yogeshwar is in a format *without markers* to indicate a beginning and end of encoded data. For example, as illustrated in Fig. 7, encoded data (see e.g., element 714) is appended next to a segment containing captions (i.e., text or closed captions for video) without disclosing the use of markers as required in claim 1. See Yogeshwar, paragraphs [0122]-[0124] and [0127]. Consequently, for at least these reasons, Yogeshwar fails to teach the elements of “the image data being formed as a code stream including a set of markers to indicate a beginning and an end of the code stream,” as recited in claim 1. In addition, dependent claims 2-7, 9-11, and 13 are patentable over the cited art because each of these claims depends on claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13 are respectfully requested.

With respect to independent claims 14 and 19, these claims, as amended, recite analogous limitations to those in claim 1. Thus, for at least the reasons discussed in connection with claim 1, Yogeshwar fails to teach each element of claims 14 and 19. Further, dependent claims 15-18, 20-25, and 27-29 are patentable over the cited art because each of these claims depends on either

claim 14 or 19. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14-25, 27-29 and 31 are respectfully requested.

II. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8, 12, 26 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yogeshwar in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0120589 filed by Lopresti et al. (hereinafter "Lopresti").

In regard to claims 8, 12, 26, and 30, each of these claims depends on claims 1 or 19. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above in connection with claims 1 and 19, Yogeshwar fails to teach or suggest each element of claims 8, 12, 26, and 30. In addition, Lopresti fails to disclose these missing elements. Lopresti simply proposes the use of lossless compression for synthetic images for delivery to a client device but fails to disclose details related to how the images are formed. See Lopresti, paragraph [0014]. As a result, in view of at least these foregoing reasons, Yogeshwar in view of Lopresti fails to teach or suggest each element of claims 8, 12, 26, and 30. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8, 12, 26, and 30 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207 3800.

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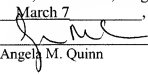
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